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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Man Suspected of Threatening to Blow up Auburn Bank Employees

(U) Auburn – Anthony Ryan Firth, 25, was booked into the Placer County Jail yesterday on suspicion of burglary, making terrorist threats, falsely reporting a bomb threat, and being under the influence of a controlled substance. Firth was arrested following a failed robbery attempt at an Auburn bank in which he threatened to kill bank employees with a bomb, according to local law enforcement.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Second Man Pleads Guilty in Palm Beach Terrorism Sting

(U) West Palm Beach – Darren Arness Jackson, 51, of Royal Palm Beach—the second of three Palm Beach County men charged last year with conspiring to help ISIS—pleaded guilty to conspiracy yesterday, according to a Department of Justice press release. Dayne Antani Christian, aka Shakur, 32, of Lake Park, pleaded guilty on 29 March to conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, and guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [Department of Justice](#)

(U) Florida – Wife of Orlando Gunman to Leave California for Trial in Florida

(U) Orlando – Noor Salman, wife of Pulse Nightclub gunman Omar Mateen, has agreed to return to Florida from the California Bay Area to face federal charges. She will plead not guilty to charges of obstruction of justice and aiding and abetting her husband in the 12 June 2016 attack that killed 49 people, the deadliest mass shooting in recent US history.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Minnesota – Sacramento Man Pleads Guilty To \$6.6 Million Synthetic Marijuana Conspiracy

(U) Jefferson City – Federal prosecutors say Michael James Butler, 40, of Sacramento pleaded guilty yesterday for his role in a three year, eight person money-laundering and mail fraud conspiracy. His organization distributed more than \$6.6 million in synthetic marijuana—aka K2—via FedEx packages to wholesale customers across the US.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New Jersey – New Jersey Teen Pleads Guilty in Foiled Plot to Kill Pope

(U) Camden – Santos Colon Jr., 17, admitted on 3 April in a federal court in Camden, New Jersey, he attempted to conspire with a sniper in a foiled plot to shoot the Pope during his visit to Philadelphia and set off explosive devices in surrounding areas. Colon engaged with someone he believed would act as sniper and obtain explosive materials, but was instead an undercover FBI employee, according to prosecutors.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Police Warn Fake Kidnappings Becoming a Nationwide Problem

(U) New York – NYPD Detective Lt. John Rogan told CBS News in an interview yesterday that fake kidnapping scams are becoming a nationwide problem, as organized crime groups call victims at random, convincing them their loved ones have been kidnapped and will be harmed or killed unless ransom is paid. The NYPD believe that hundreds of these calls are made at random, and have included victims at the highest levels of Fortune 500 companies.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) South Carolina – Teenage ISIS Recruit Eyed Orlando-Style Attack

(U) Charleston – Zakaryia Abdin, 18, was arrested on 30 March at Charleston International Airport after attempting to board a flight to Jordan, allegedly to fight for ISIS overseas less than a year after being paroled in a terror-linked case where he expressed desire to carry out a Pulse Nightclub-inspired attack, according to newly unsealed court documents. Abdin was charged with attempting to provide material support to terrorists following contact with an FBI employee who Abdin believed was an ISIS recruiter.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Pakistan – Bombing in East Pakistan Kills Six, Including Census Workers

(U) Lahore – Local authorities say a suicide bombing in eastern Punjab province killed six people, including two census workers and four soldiers escorting them, and wounded 15 in the outskirts of Lahore, the provincial capital. The attack was claimed by the Pakistani Taliban via their spokesperson Mohammad Khurasani.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – Syria Chemical Attack Death Toll Rises to 72

(U) Khan Sheikhoun – The death toll from a suspected Syrian-Russian coalition chemical weapons attack on the town of Khan Sheikhoun rose to 72—including 20 children—today, according to UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The international community is blaming the Assad and Russian governments—both of which flatly deny the accusation—citing rapid onset of symptoms such as acute respiratory distress, consistent with exposure to a nerve agent.

SOURCE: 5 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) District of Columbia – Immigration Arrests at Mexican Border Continue to Plummet

(U) Washington – Arrests of people trying to illegally enter the US across the Mexican border plummeted in March to the lowest monthly figure in more than 17 years, according to a written testimony from DHS Secretary John Kelly. The testimony also stated that less than 12,500 people were caught in March, compared to more than 43,000 in December, and the number of families and children traveling alone also declined steeply compared to previous years.

SOURCE: 4 April 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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